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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**“As advisors to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the Mission of the Emergency Medical Care Committee is to be an advocate for the community through the development of strategies for continuous improvement of the emergency medical services system.”**

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

Linda Broyles R.N., Chair/Jim Marugg, Vice-Chair

## **Minutes**

**Thursday, November 14, 2013**

### **Members Present**

Broyles, R. N., Linda – County Paramedic Agency  
Marugg, James – San Diego County Paramedic Association  
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2  
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association  
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

### **Attendees**

Forman R.N., Kelly – Mercy Air  
Pierce, R.N., Jodie – San Diego Fire  
Russo, R.N., Joe – AMR

### **County Staff**

Ameng, R.N., Diane  
Conte, R.N., Meredith  
Haynes, M.D., Bruce  
Royer, R.N., Diane  
Smith, R.N., Susan

### **Recorder**

Wolchko, Janet

## **I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Linda Broyles, called the meeting to order at 9:05. Attendees introduced themselves.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Christine Wells, seconded by Linda Rosenberg to approve the minutes of October 10, 2013. Motion carried.**

## **III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS**

There were no public comments or petitions.

## **IV. OFF-LOAD ISSUES**

Christine Wells will bring offload data to the January meeting.

## **V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW**

### **A. S-029, Stroke Advisory Committee (SAC)**

1. Overview: (Diane Royer)
  - a. In 2007 the County convened a task force to develop criteria for Stroke Centers in San Diego County. As of 2009, San Diego has 16 Stroke centers.
  - b. The policy is based on the Cardiovascular Advisory Committee (CAC) model. Confidentiality is covered under Section 1157.7 of the Evidence Code of the State of California. SAC membership is similar to CAC having a medical director, program manager, program coordinator from EMS, neurology interventionists and pediatric neurologists. San Diego will have a representative from each Stroke Center. Currently the committee has vacant positions for CPAC and BSPC.
  - c. Meetings will be held quarterly, 6:00-8:00 pm generally on a Thursday.
2. Changes to the policy:
  - a. III.A., Page 1, The Scope: 'may include but not limited to'.
  - b. Remove quotations from *advisory* on page 3 and *simple* on page 4.

**A motion was made by Linda Rosenberg, seconded by Christine Wells to approve S-029 changes and forward to the full Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC). Motion carried.**

### **B. P-303, Mobile Intensive Care Nurse - Authorization/Reauthorization**

Meredith met with the Base Hospital Coordinators:

1. Section regarding Authorization periods as an MICN was reworded.
2. Section B was added regarding Certification by Challenge.

**A motion was made by Mary Meadows-Pitt, seconded by Jim Marugg to approve P-303 changes and forward to the full EMCC.**

There was discussion on who can observe Base Hospital paramedic communication calls in the radio room.

**By previous motion, P-303 will be forwarded to the full EMCC. Motion carried.**

**C. S-402, Prehospital Determination of Death**

Wording was added regarding Aeromedical Considerations from Policy S-406.

The policy was brought forward to EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee for comments only. The following changes were discussed:

1. Change EMT to *prehospital personnel*.
2. Remove quotes from *obviously dead* throughout the policy.
3. *Do not Resuscitate*, add Physician's Order for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) as well.
4. Change Disposition of patients pronounced in an ambulance, note *while in route*.
5. Move Special Considerations up from under Aeromedical Considerations to include Prehospital.

**VI. STAFF REPORT**

- A. CSA-17 contract for ambulance services was awarded to American Medical Response (AMR) and will begin January 1, 2014.
- B. Reach Air, the second air ambulance provide in the county went live as of October 1, 2013. Diane Ameng is reviewing county-wide aeromedical utilization.
- C. November 21, 2013, is the Statewide Medical Healthcare Exercise centered on a food borne pathogen.
- D. Community Paramedicine will include Local EMS Authority (LEMSA) oversight. It was suggested to convene the EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee to review Community Paramedicine.
- E. Next year's Sidewalk Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) event is tentatively scheduled for June 5, 2014.

**VII. SET NEXT MEETING /ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2014 at Emergency Medical Services, 6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Submitted by

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County of San Diego, Emergency Medical Services